

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, October 11, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ball, Kahn, Green, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Ward, Nofs.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2005 meeting. Representative Adamini supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 480 before the committee

**SB 480     Birkholz**            Insurance; prudent purchaser agreements; joint legislative committee to investigate the degree of competition in the health care coverage market; eliminate.

Stacey Hettiger of the House Republican Policy Office testified on the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Krystal Rourke of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to testify. Ms. Rourke also submitted written testimony.

Representative Vander Veen moved to report SB 480 with recommendation. Representative Robertson supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 13-0-0.**

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ball, Green, Kahn, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

The Chair laid HB 5245, HB 5247, HB 5248, and HB 5255 before the committee.

**HB 5245     Robertson**            Occupations; health care professions; nurse practitioner to perform certain examinations; allow.

**HB 5247     Vander Veen**        Occupations; health care professions; physician or nurse practitioner

to conduct physical examination and certify a medical statement for preplacement assessments for adoptions; allow.

**HB 5248 Wojno** Occupations; health care professions; required medical examiner's certificate to operate a commercial motor vehicle; define medical examiner to include nurse practitioner.

**HB 5255 Gaffney** Occupations; nurses; completion of a medical certification of a death record; add nurse practitioner as individual authorized to complete.

Chris Hermann, Kelly Korona, Joan O'Lear, and Christina Aplin-Kalisz of the Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Miriam Bullock of the Michigan Department of Human Services testified in support of HB 5247. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bills, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Hune moved to excuse the absence of Representatives Ward and Nofs. Representative Robertson supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

**Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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